



City of Seat Pleasant

*Office of the Director of Economic Development
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A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE

“Seat Pleasant offers Smart City Services that are better, faster and personalized making it a City for Me using information and communication technology, with the internet of things”

Department Name **Economic Development**

Date of Report: **May 2, 2018** **Reporting Period** **April 2018**

Summarize significant department progress for the reporting period that is indicative of providing services that are better, faster and personalized

- The Economic development department is continuously making progress with our Master Plan, which is being completed by Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, LLC. Several meetings have occurred to make sure it is successfully implemented. The first Charette was held on April 25, 2018, hosted by Roger Weber from Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill, and was very successful. The Master plan is still on schedule to be complete by August.
- The Housing Trust Fund “Smart Home” Initiative is still making some tremendous progress at 6212 Addison Road from the interior to the exterior and is expected to be complete soon.
- Economic Development attended the NCRC conference in Washington, DC from April 9-11, where they were a part of different classes associated with Economic Development and how to successfully participate and thrive in a changing community
- Economic Development and Mayor Grant met with Akilah Watkins-Butler and Kim Graziani, CEO/President, and Vice President and Director of National Technical Assistance for Center for Community Progress, Frank Alexander who is Co-Founder and Senior Advisor for Community Progress, James Griffin, CEO of HomeFree USA, Reginald Exum, Vice President of Community Development for CitiBank, and Hala Farid, Director of Office of Homeownership, of Community Development for CitiBank, and was successful of establishing a relationship that has allowed them to consult with the City of Seat Pleasant, as it pertains to Land Banking and establishing CLT’s.
- Economic Development is still in communication with Good Food Market, and is still making progress in efforts of obtaining them to be located in Addison Plaza. We met with Larry Hentz on April 23, 2018, to discuss the actions and progress that Prince Georges Economic Development Corporation is making in that respect.
- Economic Development has resubmitted all required documents to USDA, and is still waiting for the Notice to Proceed with construction for our Smart City project, with new hopes of beginning mid-June.
- Economic Development is still concentrating on our Smart City initiative and obtaining vacant homes to diminish some of the blight in Seat Pleasant. The City of Seat Pleasant has obtained three new vacant homes and went to closing on April 18, 2018 for 716 Cabin Branch Ave. On April 27, 2018, The City of Seat Pleasant closed on 6211 Foote Street, and also closed on 6512 Seat Pleasant Drive, on April 7, 2018.

- Economic Development staff completed budget final edits

Grant Department

Office of the City Treasurer

Revenue

Line Item **6-5100 – 6-6602**

FY2017 Budget (Previous Year)	FY 2018 Budget (Current Year)	FY 2018 Actual (Current Year)
\$70,000.00	N/A	\$252,864.00

Expenditures

Offers 1.1 to 1.8

FY2017 Budget (Previous Year)	FY 2018 Budget (Current Year)	FY 2018 Actual (Current Year)
\$70,000.00	\$5,142,899.34	\$1,346,879.67

Attachments: Net Suite for Economic Development